Constraints make an even greater variety of qualitatively distinct messages and relationships impossible or unimaginable in the system as it stands. A code is thus of a higher logical type (and therefore less complex) than its messages and messengers. Deep-structure socioeconomic revolution — as distinct from surface-structure change mediated by the given codes — provides an example of the reordering or restructuring of the dominant socioeconomic codes that make one kind of society qualitatively distinct from others. This kind of restructuring nevertheless takes place within the context of codes and constraints — e.g., inorganic and organic (ecological) constraints; the constraints of social organization as such; the requirements of metabolism, maintenance, and subsistence; the genetic code; and so on — none of which appears to have changed in any significant way since the evolution of society.

In human affairs, the structure of the code-message and the code-messenger relation can in part be represented by a version of the Hegelian and Marxian ‘triangle of mediation’, as in Figure 1. The use of solid and broken lines in this diagram is intended to serve as a reminder that the relation involves a hierarchy of logical types.

**Figure 1**

*Code-Message Relations: The Triangle of Mediation*

\[
\begin{array}{c}
A \\
\hline
\rightarrow b, A \rightarrow c \\
\rightarrow c \\
\end{array}
\]

- **A**: Locus of the code (mediation)
- **b, c**: Goalseeking senderreceivers mediated by the code
- **b-c**: Locus of the messages (message channels)
- **A-b, A-c**: Coding channels
- **X**: Relationship to an environment

It will be noted that this relationship is also a definition of the minimal requirements of a communication system. And if **b** and **c** are taken to be children, then the diagram may be used to represent the bourgeois family (introducing relations of sex merely requires a permutation of triangles, with the male dominant). Or **A** may be taken to represent the Great White Father in our society. Similarly, **b** and **c** might represent workers whose competition with each other is mediated by the commodity environments: the representation of capital with capital (3) On the role of the developing nervous system, men “The discovery of the nervous system in our functional mode... has been found that the capacity for functional units of increased competition with each other is becoming evident that the nervous system, men...” (p. 158).